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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**High School Students to Join Supervisor Ridley-Thomas in Distributing Flyers for Saturday's March Against Sex Trafficking**

**What:** Ten Los Angeles Adventist Academy high schools students will go door-to-door in the Chesterfield Square neighborhood with Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, distributing flyers and inviting residents to participate in Saturday's march and rally against child sex trafficking.

**When:** 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 25, 2014

**Who:** Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Carmen Taylor-Jones, Hi Con Consulting chief executive officer  
Los Angeles Adventist Academy High School students

**Where:** Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Carmen Taylor-Jones and students will meet at 3:00 p.m. at St. Brigid Church:  
5214 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90062.

Flyer distribution, from St. Andrews Place to Western Ave. between 54th Street and Slauson Ave.

**Background:**

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Mayor Eric Garcetti are leading a march against child sex trafficking at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 26 on Western Ave., at Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. After a short program, the march will proceed south promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end with a rally at St. Brigid Catholic Church, located at 5214 Western Ave.

The march will highlight the route often used by “johns” and “pimps” in the buying and selling of young victims—some of whom are as young as 12. These children are sexually exploited by traffickers and adult customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that 100,000 children in the United States are sold for sex each year. In Los Angeles, it is estimated that as many as 3,000 children are trafficked.

On Saturday, Western Avenue will be closed to traffic starting at 7 a.m. from MLK Blvd. to 53rd Street.

North and southbound alternate routes include Normandie Ave. and Harvard Blvd.

East/west street parking is available on MLK Blvd., Vernon Ave., W. 48th Street and W. 54th.

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